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Poetry Reading at the Rio Grande

The Utah Arts Council's Literature Program will host a poetry reading by Hector Ahumada, to celebrate the second printing of his book, *Sun and Water Poems*. The reading is free to the public and will be held at the Rio Gallery, 310 South Rio Grande Street (455 West) in Salt Lake City on Thursday, June 5, 2003 from 7-9 pm. A reception will follow.

Hector Ahumada is a Chilean writer, a naturalized U.S. citizen, and recipient of Salt Lake City's Mayor's Literary Award in 1996. His poems have appeared in various books, including *Great and Peculiar Beauty: A Utah Reader*; *Hispanic Cantos: A Collection of Utah Latino Poetry*; *The Crossroad Anthology*; and *Bluff Fandango Anthology 1998-1999*, as well as newspapers, including the Deseret News, Vencerimos, Echo Canyon, and Mission San Francisco newspapers.

Ahumada has served on the Utah Arts Council's Literature Panel for several years and has been invited as a visiting poet to work at the elementary schools of the Navajo Nation.

For more information about the poetry reading or the Utah Arts Council Literature Program, contact Guy Lebeda at 801-236-7553 or glebeda@utah.gov.

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